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Students stabbed during unsuccessful break-in

Two of three suspects arrested

BY REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

Chris Stewart decided to fight back.

Three men — two Western students and one non-student — allegedly broke into his residence at Lost Circle Apartments Thursday morning while he was sleeping on his couch. The three

suspects, one of which had a gun, began beating him, according to a Bowling Green Police report.

"They came in the back door and started beating the hell out of me," Stewart said. "I still had blankets wrapped around me ... Luckily, I got my knife out."

According to the police report, Stewart was able to pull out the Benchmark pocket knife he always carries with him and "stab at the suspects."

Stewart, 19, told police he was sure he stabbed two of the suspects and "possibly the third suspect." After wounding the three

men, Stewart said he chased them out his back door with his knife.

"I don't know if I cut (the third man) or not," Stewart said. "They had pissed me off."

The report said Stewart "had visible wounds and bruises about his head and face" when police arrived at his apartment.

Stewart said one of the men slammed his eye into his knee and another hit him over the head with the gun. Two of the suspects, 20-year-old Kyle Moore and 20-year-old Evan Jones, were arrested by Bowling Green

Police. The third suspect, 21-year-old Chad Montez Alexander, was not captured and police are still looking for him.

Jones and Alexander are Western students.

Stewart said he knew Moore long before the incident occurred. He said he wasn't aware that Moore may have been one of the attackers because they were all wearing ski masks.

"I didn't know it was Kyle until we got to the hospital," Stewart said. "I think he knew I had valuables in the house."

Moore was the man holding

him down on the couch when the three men first attacked him, Stewart said.

Stewart said he stabbed Moore first and threw him on the floor and then he stuck Jones. He said he began swinging his knife at Alexander and "may have slit him."

Stewart said he feared for his life during the entire incident.

"When they were holding me down on the couch and hitting and hitting me, I knew they might take my life," Stewart said.

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Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Woodrow Spinks of Bowling Green relaxes after eating a hot meal provided by the Salvation Army homeless shelter at 401 W. Main Ave. "I've got to figure out what I'm gonna do tomorrow," he said. "It'll be too cold to do much." Spinks has gone back and forth from Florida to Bowling Green several times, but feels he's back in Kentucky to stay.

Holidays find homeless

thankful for strangers

STORY BY ERICA WALSH

Every time there's a knock on the door, sets of tired eyes turn to look. When the door is opened, another pair of tired eyes enters the room.

In the back, there's macaroni on the stove and a refrigerator full of drinks. On the couch, there are men.

Most are cold, with hands clasped around styrofoam cups full of coffee. For some, this is the first time they've been in from the cold all day. For others, they've just gotten off work, dirt still fresh under their fingernails.

This is their home, at least for the night. Two couches, a kitchen table and two dorm-style rooms where each has his own bed.

The next morning, when the Salvation Army homeless shelter closes for the day, some will head off to work and others will walk around Bowling Green waiting for the magic hour of 5 p.m. when the shelter opens back up.

Jim Weaver, the shelter director, has seen hundreds of men in the 10 years he's worked at the shelter.

"They're just regular human beings like you and I," he said.

Just like most people, they all have stories.

There's Robert, who has three sons he hasn't seen in five years; Woodrow, who suffers from lung cancer and will stay in the shelter

until he gets his disability check; and Robin, who was laid off from his job last month.

In two days, while most people surround tables full of turkey and homemade bread for Thanksgiving, these men will be in this room, the only home they know, with the only family they have — the other visitors to the shelter.

Walking off worries

Fifty-eight-year-old Woodrow Spinks sits on the couch clutching his coffee. His bright blue eyes stare straight ahead.

SEE THANKFUL, PAGE 3

Date rape alleged at frat party

BY REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

A female student told campus police Saturday morning she had been raped during a party at the Sigma Chi fraternity house on College Street.

According to a campus police report, Officer Joe Harbaugh said he was driving along Big Red Way early Saturday morning when he saw the female student crying and staggering down the street.

The female student told Harbaugh she had been raped around 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning in a bedroom at the Sigma Chi house. She said she knew the man who raped her, but that he was not a member of Sigma Chi and that there were no witnesses.

"I haven't decided if I'm going to press charges," the woman said yesterday.

The Herald does not report the names of rape victims.

She said she plans to speak with a counselor at the Bowling Green Rape Crisis Center before making a decision.

Capt. Mike Wallace said if charges are pressed, the investigation would be in the hands of the Bowling Green Police Department, since the alleged rape took place off campus.

The victim said she and the suspect had both been drinking before the alleged rape occurred.

Student Activities and Organizations Coordinator Charley Pride said he doesn't have all the information regarding the incident yet, but said there will be an investigation if the man who allegedly committed the rape is a student.

"If there are violations there could be sanctions either against the individual or the fraternity," Pride said.

Members of the Sigma Chi fraternity could not be reached for comment.

The woman is the second Western student this semester to claim she has been raped on or near campus.

OTHER NEWS

Senate denounces naming of dorm

The University Senate passed legislation Thursday denouncing the Board of Regents for renaming New Sorority Hall after former President Thomas Meredith. The resolution says the board did not follow proper procedures when voting for the name change. Some senate members also questioned whether Meredith actually deserved the honor. **Page 6**

Stop light sought for Universtiy Blvd.

In a move that may help make University Boulevard safer for pedestrians, Western officials are asking the Department of Transportation to install a new traffic light on the road. The light would have a pedestrian trigger switch, which would force traffic in all four lanes to stop when students need to cross. **Page 6**

FEATURES

Gridiron Gals

Jennifer Franklin and Laura Beaty have split time taking classes on the Hill and playing football. But Franklin and Beaty aren't playing flag football — they're playing professionally, as members of the Nashville Dream, a team in the newly-formed National Women's Football League. **Page 7**

SPORTS

Tops will host football playoff game

Western's football team (10-1) will host 12th-seeded Florida A&M (9-2) Saturday at 11 a.m. in the first round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs. Western, a fifth seed, will play the winner of Troy State and Appalachian State if it wins that game. The Hilltoppers would travel to Troy State but would play Appalachian on the Hill. **Bracket, Page 10.**

Weather forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
34° 26°	44° 25°	44° 27°	50° 31°	55° 35°
Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Cloudy

T: 35°/26°, cloudy
W: 40°/23°, some sun
R: 41°/27°, cloudy
F: 48°/33°, sunny
S: 53°/37°, cloudy

• **Louisville**

• **Owensboro**
T: 39°/27°, sunny
W: 44°/24°, sunny
R: 45°/28°, cloudy
F: 50°/31°, some sun
S: 55°/35°, cloudy

• **Paducah**
T: 43°/30°, sunny
W: 45°/26°, sunny
R: 45°/32°, cloudy
F: 50°/33°, sunny
S: 55°/35°, cloudy

• **Nashville**
T: 39°/29°, sunny
W: 46°/23°, sunny
R: 46°/27°, cloudy
F: 51°/33°, some sun
S: 56°/37°, cloudy

• **Lexington**
T: 31°/22°, some sun
W: 38°/21°, cloudy
R: 39°/24°, sunny
F: 45°/31°, cloudy
S: 51°/35°, cloudy

Weather information provided by StormCenter 12, where you can get an updated forecast at 6 tonight.



H. Rick Mach/Herald

In the huddle: Shelbyville junior Melissa Luttrell and Mt. Washington sophomore Shannon Purvis huddle together for warmth during Western football's game against Southern Illinois Saturday at Smith Stadium. This was Luttrell's first game of the season. "I've

Crime Reports

Arrests

◆ Samuel Jason Caudill, Crewdson Drive, was charged Saturday with alcohol intoxication and possession of marijuana. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail Monday on a court order.

◆ Stephanie Laura McGlathery, Goodlettsville, was charged Friday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail Saturday on a \$1,000 surety bond.

◆ Wesley Trent Beckham, Proctor Trail Apartments, was charged Saturday with DUI. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$518.85 surety bond.

Reports

◆ Don C. Paschal, Applied Sciences Annex, reported Wednesday \$100 in damage to the right-rear window of his 1985 Toyota MR2 parked in the South Campus parking lot between 12:30 and 7:58 p.m. Wednesday.

◆ Michael T. Foster, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Wednesday \$125 in damage to the driver side window of his 1996 Ford Ranger parked in the Service Supply lot between 2:30 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. Wednesday.

◆ Carl S. Keller, PFT, reported Wednesday \$400 in damage to his 1995 Toyota Paseo parked in the

Service Supply lot between 10 p.m. Nov. 13 and 1 p.m. Wednesday. A pair of sunglasses and 72 CDs, worth a total of \$1,610 was taken from the vehicle.

◆ Officer Brian P. Ward, campus police, reported Nov. 14 a forged parking permit in a 1993 Honda Accord parked on Normal Drive at 1:05 p.m. Nov. 14.

◆ Samuel A. Lloyd, Baldwin Avenue, reported Nov. 14 a cellular phone worth \$318 stolen from his 1999 Pontiac Grand Am parked in the Diddle Arena lot between 2 and 2:15 p.m. Nov. 9.

◆ Daniel J. Weber, Creason Street, reported Nov. 14 \$250 in damage to the right-front window and dashboard of his 1988 Pontiac 6000. A CD player, Sony Discman and 150 CDs worth a total of \$1,530 were taken from the vehicle parked in the Kentucky Building lot between 11 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. Nov. 14.

◆ Donald L. Smith, Alumni Center, reported Nov. 14 \$100 in damage to the left front window of his 1993 Nissan Altima. A cellular phone worth \$150 was taken from the vehicle parked in the Y2K lot between 7:50 a.m. and 4:57 p.m. Nov. 14.

◆ Prashanti T. Tatwatte, Keen Hall assistant director, reported Friday \$25 in cash stolen from the Keen Hall front desk between 2 p.m. Nov. 12 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

◆ Deborah Carr Linville Shivel,

Academic Complex, reported Thursday receiving an obscene voice mail from an unknown male at 1:39 a.m. Wednesday.

◆ Joey L. Oaks, Morgantown, reported Friday \$200 in cash stolen from his truck parked in the Jones-Jagers lot at 11:20 a.m.

◆ Emily S. Hart, Bemis Lawrence Hall, reported Thursday receiving two obscene messages on her answering machine between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Thursday.

◆ Doris A. Sikora, Academic Complex, reported Thursday receiving an obscene voice mail message at 1:07 a.m. Thursday.

◆ Deputy Todd Young, Warren County Sheriff's Office, reported Sunday third-degree arson to a 1985 Buick Park Avenue owned by Lidell L. Evans, Barnes-Campbell Hall director. The vehicle was parked in the South Campus lot between 2 p.m. Saturday and 3:28 a.m. Sunday.

Clearing the Air

Due to an editing error, Thursday's edition of the Herald incorrectly stated Western's football team's conference record as 9-1 in the Sun Belt Conference. The Hilltoppers are members of the Ohio Valley Conference this season and their conference record was 7-0. The team's current record is 10-1.

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THANKFUL: Shelter offers temporary home

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

"I've got lots of stuff bothering me," he said.

He worries about where he's going to live and when his disability check will come — hopefully sometime around the first of the month.

Spinks spends his days walking around Bowling Green, but sometimes he stops at his friend's mechanic shop. He doesn't know what he'll do on Thanksgiving when his friend's shop is closed.

It's been almost 15 years since he had a true Thanksgiving dinner.

Fifteen years ago is when his mother passed away.

He misses her smile, her hugs and her turkey and yams.

"She was a good cook," he said.

Thanksgiving was always a favorite time of Spinks'. Growing up on a farm, he remembers milking the cows in the morning and having a home cooked meal that afternoon.

"You knew you'd always come home and get a good meal, get full," he said.

Spinks will get full at the shelter this year, at a Thanksgiving dinner with food donated by local Bowling Green residents.

Weaver said Western plays a big part in donations, including 12,822 pounds of food donated recently by a group of Western students.

"I think it's great," Weaver said. "Just one donation helps a lot of people."

Still, Spinks said that won't compare to his mom's turkey or her company.

"Anybody would rather be with family than at a shelter," he said.

Home away from home

Across the room from Spinks is 47-year-old Robin Turner.

He sits on the couch watching the news, following the weather with interest and cursing when he sees the forecast of 30-degree weather for the next day.

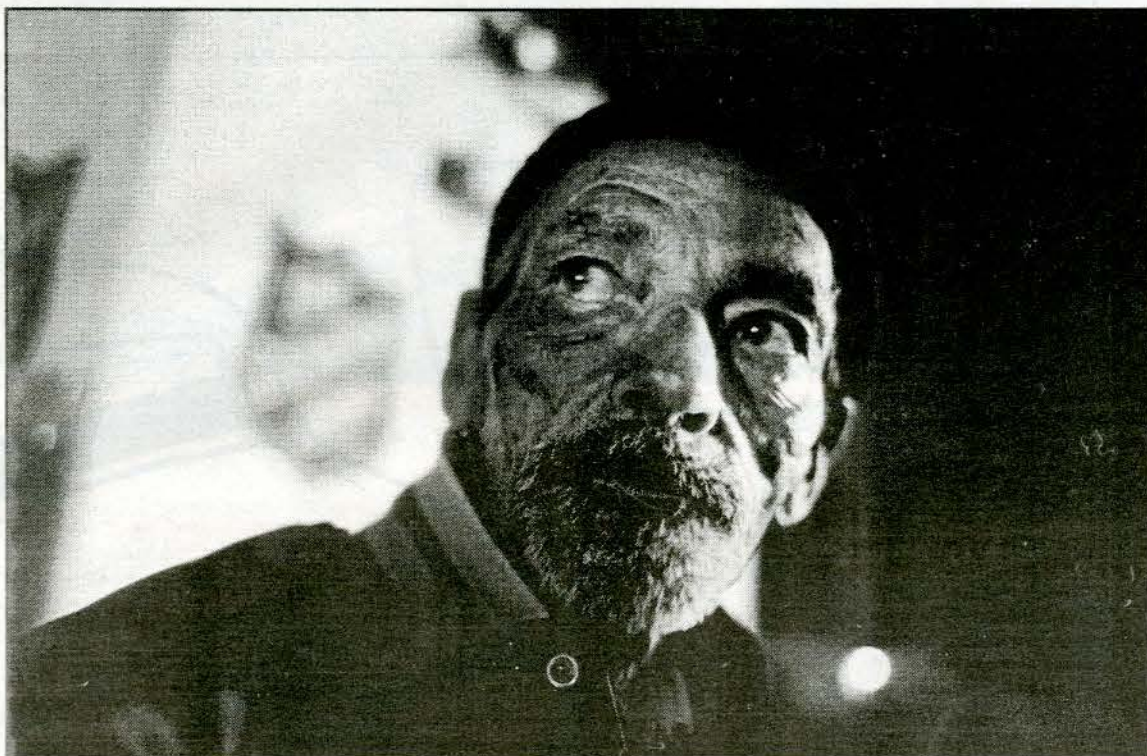
Turner came to the shelter a few days earlier after being laid off from his steady job in Alabama. He lived near his stepbrother's family and usually spent holidays there.

"It made me feel good," he said. "I was with family."

This will be the first Thanksgiving in two years that he will spend without family.

Unlike Spinks, who only has a few cousins left, Turner has a sister, a son, a daughter-in-law and a grandchild in Ohio. He doesn't get up to Ohio much — he said he can't live with his son because they wouldn't get along and he doesn't want to rely on his sister without a job.

He tried to get a job in Ohio, but said work was too hard to



Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Woodrow Spinks stepped out for a smoke break after dinner outside the Salvation Army homeless shelter on Saturday. He thought he might go to the library, but he is losing his eyesight. "Ain't a whole lot to do on the weekend," he said. His only plan was to go to church on Sunday.

find there.

"You practically have to beg, borrow or steal to get a job up there," he explained.

The last time Turner saw his family was in February when his mother passed away.

"That's the last time I cried," he said. "February 16 at my mother's funeral."

Turner said the holidays this year will be like any other day. Without family, there's not much to look forward to. Instead of wanting a turkey dinner, he looks forward to saving enough money from his job at a soap factory to get his own place. That's what he would be thankful for.

Turner knows there are some people in his position who aren't trying to rise above not having enough money to live on.

"They're looking for the easy way out," he said.

He said people will treat someone differently once they find out that the person doesn't have a home to go to at the end of the day, but he won't let that keep him from trying.

"They think you're not good, they look down on you," he said.

But at the shelter, there are others like him. Turner said that makes him more comfortable.

"It makes it easier, having friends," he said.

Family matters

One of Turner's new friends is Robert Baker, who sits next to Turner on the faded couch. Baker is the least talkative but the most observant. His dark eyes follow the actions of the

people surrounding him. Sometimes Turner repeats things being said because Baker is deaf in his right ear.

Baker lost his job in October and has been searching for work ever since. He came back to Bowling Green after working here for a while last year.

He tried to explain what living on the streets is like, living without a job or money.

"Sometimes you feel like there's no hope," he said. "You have to try and get what you want out of life. If you want a place to live, then look for work because without a job, there's no hope. No hope."

But work isn't the only thing on Baker's mind. Baker has three sons: 11-year-old Ricky, 9-year-old Chris and 5-year-old Chad.

He hasn't seen them in nearly five years, not since just after Chad was born and the boys were moved to a foster home.

"I don't know where they are," he sighed.

His sons are somewhere in Kentucky. Their case worker is unable to tell Baker where.

He hopes once he gets more money saved up he can prove to the case worker that he should be with his sons. Before he lost his job, he was hoping to be with them for Thanksgiving. He knows that can't happen, but he hopes that by Christmas he can be close enough to give them a present.

"The holidays are very depressing for anyone that's not with their family," he said.

Like most of the others in the shelter, Baker spends most of his

days thinking.

"I mostly think about the past, about the boys," he said. "About what I'll do tomorrow."

The value of life

The next day Baker left the shelter. He was the only one of the three that didn't return the next night. The others didn't know where he had gone.

Spinks and Turner are still there, wearing the same clothes as they had the days before; the same tired eyes and troubles.

"I try not to worry about anything," Spinks said. "I just take it day by day."

Spinks is having a little trouble with his health because he spent the day walking around in the cold. His cough returned.

As his whole body shakes with each cough and his eyes begin to water, he tries to explain.

"Sometimes, my chest gives me quite a bit of trouble," he said. "But I don't feel too bad."

Spinks and Turner sit quietly watching as the night's new arrivals are checked in. There are three new ones, all coming up from Tennessee.

So far they seem nice, Turner said. Spinks agreed.

"If you talk to each other, then no one's going to be a stranger," he explained.

The others in the shelter are all Spinks and Turner have. The others are the ones they will share the dinner table with, the ones that will provide more conversation, the ones that add life to the drab situation between the walls of the shelter.

This is what these men are thankful for. That's what Weaver thinks they need.

"They have someone to talk to," Weaver said. "It gets lonely going from one place to another, you've just got to make friends."

At the shelter, the men have a place to spend the holidays, or any other day. A chance to not be alone, to be around friends and people who understand how they feel. A chance to be with people who know what life is worth.

These men aren't thankful for material things, but for the chance to survive.

Spinks said he may not have much, but he knows what to be grateful for.

"I'm just thankful for being alive," he said.

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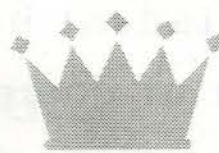
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Opinion

Crosswalk casts light on priorities

It's about time.

Two Western bigwigs have finally decided to do something about University Boulevard besides adding decorative brickwork and potted plants. President Gary Ransdell and John Osborne, associate vice president for Facilities and Campus Services, asked the Kentucky Department of Transportation to place a traffic light between Normal Drive and Creason Street over the crosswalk where so many students have been hit. They want a push-button walk signal to stop traffic both ways.

Fantastic. It still won't protect those who neglect to use it, nor will it guard against careless drivers like a skywalk or tunnel would, but it's far better than nothing.

We can't yell "Why didn't you think of that before?" — we didn't either. Of course, we're not paid \$78,408 a year to research traffic control problems. Osborne is.

We do wonder why it took this long to put some serious thought into it. Ransdell said it's because of Glasgow freshman Daniel Byrd, hit there on Sept. 25. We'd be more appreciative (and so might Byrd) if Ransdell and Osborne had put their heads together four victims ago.

So many recent issues — dangerous roads, fee hikes, surprise insurance charges and non-clinics — imply that administrators don't care what happens to students, so long as they themselves are safe within the walls of Wetherby and Potter halls. A simple traffic light may change that impression.

Or will it? Normally, Ransdell and Osborne don't have to dodge traffic. The crosswalk is far from their offices, and when they go over it, they're usually driving. But on Oct. 19, a gaggle of administrators including Gene Tice, vice president for Student Services, Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life, Facilities Management Director Doug Ault and Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey were almost mown down there by a truck while on a campus "safety walk" — done to identify trouble spots.

At least they noticed.

Ransdell noticed, too. He and his wife didn't brave the crosswalk on a recent evening stroll until it was clear both ways, he said. If he doesn't trust in any legal foolishness about "pedestrian right-of-way," why should students have to risk it?

However a walk signal gets there, it will be welcome. The state wants time to study the need, but that should be a no-brainer. Osborne said he and Ransdell want to see the light in place by the end of the semester. Let's hope no one else gets hit before then.



Letters to the Editor

Spaces before sports

Every day that I come to Western I grow more and more frustrated with the parking situation and the lack of enthusiasm being put forth to correct it. While the university is charging every student \$80 for an athletics fee that only a small percentage of students will truly benefit from, the rest of us are still in our cars, driving endlessly in circles, searching for a parking space.

I believe that the students who are interested and/or active in a particular program at Western (ahem ... athletics) are the ones who should support it. The rest of us shouldn't be stuck with the bill just because they know we can be. It is completely unfair and unnecessary.

I feel safe in saying that the majority of students had rather spend their money on a project that would benefit all of us, and I think we all know what that is. Ask any student on campus what Western's main problem is, and I guarantee the first word out of his or her mouth will be "parking."

Why has so little effort been put forth to find a solution to this ever-growing problem? Why are we putting special

interests ahead of real and important issues that affect all students?

Amanda Sutton
Bowling Green sophomore

Count your blessings

The next few days represent the holiday of Thanksgiving. This holiday was (created) as a time for people to give thanks for all of the wonderful people and things (with) which they have been blessed.

However, these days are generally filled with a massive feast or feasts and a huge shopping day, among other generically-related rituals. How many people really take the few moments necessary to give thanks for those great individuals that make their life worth living?

This past weekend I was once again reminded of how fortunate I am and how thankful I should be. Saturday was my 20th birthday, a day usually forgotten by all ... except for your mother, of course. My friends conspired, plotted, planned and orchestrated one of the most exciting and memorable weekends of my life.

So while you are home this weekend celebrating this holiday, take a minute to

remind your family and friends what a difference they make in your life. It will mean the world to them.

Thanks so much, ET, MG and CP, for making my life so incredibly wonderful. You guys are the best!

Kacie Powell
Glasgow sophomore

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Dr. Drew answers questions, gives advice

BY JENNIFER L. DAWES
Herald reporter

They packed into the building with questions, expectations and hormones in hand.

This was not a meeting of the U.S. Congress, but an eager crowd of students at Western's Van Meter Auditorium. They were waiting for advice and humor from Dr. Drew Pinsky, an addiction medicine specialist who became famous in the late '90s with his insights into modern relationship and health problems on the MTV advice show "Loveline."

Laura Bertrand, a freshman history major who arrived at Van Meter an hour before the show thinks Dr. Drew has a unique outlook on some issues facing people her age.

"I think his perspective is different, so the advice he gives is going to be different from a parent's because they already know what they want you to do," Bertrand said. "He is more educated about things."

Pinsky, who also has a syndicated nightly radio show, walked out on the stage to roaring applause and began an evening of open dialogue with the crowd, a reciprocal environment that seemed much more natural and relaxed than the one commonly seen between he and "Loveline" co-host Adam Carolla.

Although the topics varied, Pinsky said before the show he had one main objective.

"Fundamentally, what I am going to talk about out there today is to be true to yourself, trust your instincts and treat each other



Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Dr. Drew Pinsky spoke on sex, drugs and relationships Sunday night in Van Meter Auditorium.

respectfully," Pinsky said. "It's very simple."

Pinsky, who got his start in radio in 1983 on an alternative station in California, sees a definite shift in society in the last 17 years.

"People who come out of halfway-together families, people who are educated well, are doing very well," he said. "But there is a big piece of our society that is on a big freefall. I don't know what that means."

The crowd, hesitant at first, slowly began warming up to standing in front of 650 of their peers and asking personal questions ranging from phone sex to drug abuse. About halfway through the presentation, a man in the balcony asked, "Is intimacy an important part of relationships?"

Confused, Pinsky asked exactly what the person meant.

Shyly the man said, "having relations."

Pinsky, surprised by the terminology, responded "I am in the south. Man!"

The good doctor, much to the audience's amusement, tried his hand at some country grammar, throwing out an occasional and awkward "Y'all."

On a more serious note, the Pasadena native expressed his concern for the growing popularity of the drug ecstasy on college campuses. According to a show of hands, it was apparent that this was a problem at Western as well. When Pinsky spoke about the permanent brain damage of this drug, several hands went up and questions were asked about the exact effects of similar drugs, such as LSD and cocaine.

"It is sadder than hell to me," Pinsky said, speaking of what he has seen on the effect of these drugs. "I get to see you four to five years later when your brain is all f'd up."

Another hot topic for the night was the lack of family values and the effect the media has on society. According to Pinsky, the main roots of those problems are a sense of abandonment and that people aren't connecting with each other. He laid the blame on parents, who he feels have done an increasingly poor job over the last 30 years.

He also blames the media, saying they had no sense of responsibility and did not care about their viewers' lives at all. He adamant-

ly included MTV into the mix.

"MTV does not give a rat's ass about the people who watch it," Pinsky said. "They couldn't care less."

While MTV recently canceled "Loveline," Pinsky said he still wants to continue his message for a healthier society.

"I would just like to hear questions that people think are important," he said. "If people think they are important then I will delightedly answer it. I am moved — I am honored — to do so."

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STABBED: Bowling Green police still investigating alledged attack

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Stewart said the suspects stole several items including a Sony Dreamcast, Dreamcast and Nintendo 64 games, accessories, a pair of sunglasses, a watch and money.

Stewart said none of the items have been given back to him.

A Bowling Green Police press release said Moore and Jones have been charged with burglary.

Jones refused treatment for stab wounds and is being held in Warren County Regional Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond. Moore was admitted to The Medical Center for his injuries and was still

receiving treatment Monday.

Bowling Green police officer Tom Forte said he doesn't know if the robbery was a random crime or planned.

"We're still in the investigatory stage," Forte said. "(The victim and suspects) may have known each other, but we're not certain."

Three of Stewart's neighbors, Jason Sadler, Josh Moons and Wesley Yeiser, made 911 calls after they allegedly saw three men arriving and leaving the scene, police said.

Moore was spotted by Bowling Green police officer Tim Robinson in the woods near the crime scene. When he was

arrested, Moore told police he had "screwed up" and would not reveal the names of the other two men, but referred to one of them as "Crazy Cane" and "Killer Cane." Moore told police he had a gun in his possession during the robbery. The gun, police later discovered, was a Daisy Powerline air pistol.

The other two suspects were spotted at the edge of the woods on Industrial Drive.

Stewart said he is moving out of Lost Circle Apartments for good after what happened.

"I ain't going back there," Stewart said. "I heard (Alexander's) family is looking for me. I'm fearful for my life."

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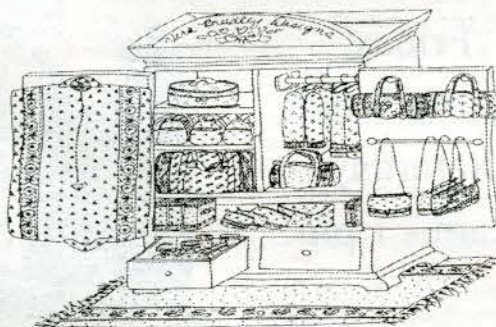
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Boulevard may get new light

Another attempt aims at improving safety

By BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

The danger of crossing University Boulevard may soon be seen in a new light.

After 10 students have been hit on the stretch of road since 1992, university officials are looking to add another traffic light with a pedestrian trigger switch, which would stop traffic in all four lanes for students to cross.

President Gary Ransdell and John Osborne, associate vice president for Facilities and Campus Services, started working on a solution for the dangerous road after a student was hit on Sept. 25 while using a crosswalk. They have since put in a request to the Kentucky Department of Transportation to have a traffic signal added on University Boulevard.

"It's clear to me that added safety provisions are needed," Ransdell said.

While many ideas to make the road safer have been tossed around, this is the first time they have asked for a signal to be added. Last spring, fencing was built along University to encourage students to cross at the traffic signals on Normal Drive and Russellville Road.

"This is an additional safety improvement to what has already been done," Osborne said.

Osborne said students using the crosswalk today must rely on the courtesy of a driver to stop while they are crossing. He said sometimes a driver can not see a pedestrian, but they can see a stop light and will stop for it.

The new traffic signal would be placed where the crosswalk is located between Normal Drive and Big Red Way. The light would be pedestrian activated, meaning that when a student wants to cross at the crosswalk, they could hit the button and traffic in both lanes on University would stop. If the request is approved, it would be the third traffic light put up on University.

"We're actively pursuing this change," Osborne said.

Before a light can be installed, the Department of Transportation must research several factors, including how many people cross the road in that location and how a light would affect traffic flow there.

To endorse the proposal, Student Government Association President Cassie Martin and the SGA Campus Improvements Committee authored a resolution Tuesday saying they also want a new light installed.

"It's one of the safest and easiest ways to get students across University Boulevard," Martin said. "It's a big step if we can get it accomplished."

In the past, SGA has tried to get a skywalk placed over University, but Martin said the chances of getting a skywalk placed there are "slim to none."

"This is something more feasible and can be very effective," she said.

SGA will vote on the resolution at their next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Osborne said he and Ransdell are working on this situation and hope by the end of the semester to have more information about whether the light will be installed.

Senate condemns board's recognition of Meredith

Resolution demands ending athletics deficit

By CAROLINE LYNCH
Herald reporter

The University Senate Thursday unanimously passed a resolution condemning a decision by the Board of Regents to name New Sorority Hall after former President Thomas Meredith.

Senate President Patricia Minter said the group opposed naming the dorm after Meredith because several members of the board weren't aware in advance that they were going to vote on it.

"(The naming proposal) wasn't on the agenda," Minter said. "And it also violates the stated capital campaign goal that in order to have a building named after you, you have to cough up a big check."

Minter said some of the faculty members not only opposed the way the naming was done, but also that the building was named after Meredith.

"As one person put it, 'The name Thomas Meredith and faculty rights have never appeared in the same sentence before,'" she said.

Accounting and Finance Professor Ed Wolfe, who drafted the resolution, said the vote was brought up in the New Business section of the August regents' meeting, and that five of the 11 regents and the development office didn't know the vote was coming.

"It had the look of somebody trying to railroad something through," Wolfe said.

Though she is not a voting member of the senate, Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller said she would have supported the resolution. Miller said while she didn't have a problem with the dorm being named after Meredith, the board should have followed the proper guidelines.

Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said there are guide-

lines to naming buildings, but that it's the board's discretion as to how they would use those guidelines.

"At the end of the day that was a board decision," he said.

The senate also passed a second unanimous resolution regarding budget support of the athletics department. The members asked President Gary Ransdell to insure that, in light of the \$80 increase in the student athletics fee, the athletics department doesn't run any more deficits and gets only a minimal percentage of the university's new money from the annual general fund.

Mathematics Professor Claus Ernst, who drafted the resolution, wants the university to require the athletics department to become financially solvent now that the department has an additional \$80 per student per semester.

"We want to make sure that in addition to the fee that they do not get more money," he said. "... In the past they have basically written their checks and expected the university to pay it."

The resolution also demands that the department not get more than 3.4 percent from a general fund that allots new money to departments. Until the fee was voted in this semester, the department was guaranteed 3.4 percent from the fund every year. The board has since nullified that promise.

Athletics Director Wood Selig said the 3.4 percent has gone to salary increases for his staff and to athletic scholarships, and that the 3.4 percent guarantee was voted out because it fostered "a perceived advantage of athletics getting a guaranteed slice of new revenues."

As it stands, the athletics department will compete for funds equally with other departments, which could mean they get more or less than 3.4 percent in coming years.

"It's fine that they put that in the resolution, but it's a moot point," Selig said. "We are going to be treated like any other institutional department."

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Campus News

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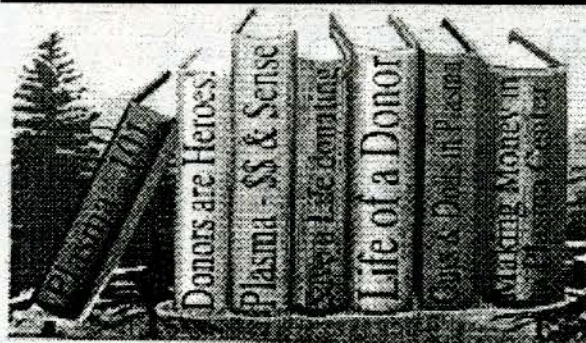
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Features

Dream a little Dream



Laurel Beaty made her second start as quarterback for the Nashville Dream last Saturday.



Assistant coach Felix Mitchell of the Nashville Dream gives Owensboro senior Laurel Beaty and wide receiver Vicki Angel instructions in a game against the Alabama Renegades. **Below:** Glasgow graduate student Jennifer Franklin warms up.

Gridiron girls prove both genders got game

BY JACOB BENNETT
Herald reporter

Jennifer Franklin was trying to keep Laurel Beaty's spirits up on the sideline when the ball came loose.

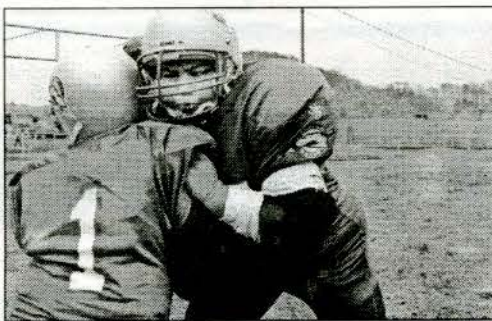
Beaty, an Owensboro senior, was making her second start for the Nashville Dream of the new National Women's Football League in place of injured quarterback Dana King.

Franklin, a graduate student from Glasgow, was trying to encourage her friend after Beaty threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown by the Alabama Renegades — so far the only other team in the league.

If you have any prejudices about the idea of women playing football, forget about them now. These girls come to play — it's full-contact, full-equipment, tackle football. Runners try to run through defenders, and the defenders try to keep them out of the end zone.

And the players are a diverse group. The youngest are barely old enough to be out of high school, and the oldest players are old enough to be their mothers.

The Dream players vary in sizes like NFL



players, too. The biggest player on the team is listed at 6-9, 300 lbs., while the smallest is 5 feet, 100 lbs.

Beaty and Franklin, teammates on nationally-ranked Western flag football teams, often look to each other for support during games.

"If she turns the ball over, I talk to her and let her know it's OK, to just relax," Franklin said. "After going through what we've gone through together, it's brought us closer."

Franklin said that's what she was doing Saturday on the sideline of the "Cobra Den" of Whites Creek High School in Nashville after Beaty's interception.

Beaty later said she doesn't remember the exchange; she was too focused on the game.

After a few moments of suspense, Beaty and Franklin watched the ref point to the Dream's side of the field.

Franklin slapped Beaty on the back of the helmet as Beaty headed back onto the field.

"Go get 'em!" Franklin yelled.

The league is showcasing the Dream and the Renegades to potential sponsors with a six-game preseason that ends December 2 at Bob Jones High School in Huntsville, Ala. Right now the Nashville Predators, the U.S. Army and a few other organizations have contributed.

Operations Director Pete Stanton said the regular season is scheduled to begin in March including at least eight teams in places like Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia. Louisville is rumored to be under consideration.

Beaty, Franklin and the other women are supposed to be paid \$100 a game after the season. Franklin said she wouldn't be disappointed if they never got paid.

"I'd play for free," she said.

While Beaty said she didn't become a serious football fan until high school, Franklin has loved it since she was eye-level with a shin guard.

Franklin said she got into football because her dad played in high school. Though they both loved football, her dad liked the Steelers and Redskins and she always loved the Dolphins.

They also disagreed on something else.

"When I was 10 years old, I wanted to play little league football, but my father said 'no,'" she said.

Her father thought football was too rough,

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Campus Life

Turkey day needs own special song

Have you ever wondered why there aren't any Thanksgiving songs?

No? Well, darn 'Cause I was wondering that just the other day.

There are crazy amounts of Christmas songs. Halloween's got a few. The Fourth of July lucked out and got the national anthem.

So why doesn't Thanksgiving get any love?

Why wouldn't anybody want to celebrate the cooperation between the Pilgrims and the Indians in joyous song (besides the fact that the Pilgrims screwed the Indians a couple of days later, but we won't worry about that ...)?

I think any holiday that allows us several days off to watch football, stuff ourselves with home cookin' and fall asleep should have its own song.

There have been songs about more ridiculous things. There are songs about Mattel dolls ("I'm a Barbie Girl ..."), songs about thongs (the aptly-titled "Thong Song"), and thongs, I mean songs, about Abercrombie and Fitch ("New Kids on the Block had a bunch of hits, Chinese food makes me sick ..."). Holy monkey, that song is fun.

But no real Thanksgiving songs.

There are songs about sitting on flagpoles, and songs about love between muskrats.

There's even a song called "It's Raining Men."

But no Thanksgiving song.

So I think we should write our own.

I'll start us off.

"I'm a Thanksgiving turkey.

In a couple of days you'll be eating me ..."

Wait, that's terrible. Let's try something else.

Take two.

"I'm a happy Indian.

What's up, neighbor?

I hope we can be friends.

Since we live next door ..."

Well, we all see where that's going. That's sad, too.

One more time, from the top.

"I can't wait to see my loved ones.

They are so much fun.

I'll say hello.

Grandma will give me dough.

And eat some pumpkin pie.

And while the turkey's fryin'

The Vikings will beat the

Lions.

I'll stuff my face

After we say Grace

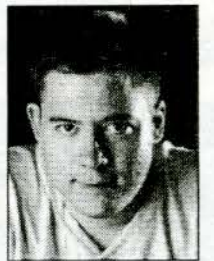
Then I'll unbutton my fly."

Do I smell a Grammy?

Nah, that's just cranberry

sauce.

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Jacob Bennett
commentary

'Grinch' steals goodies, laughs

Review: 'The Grinch'
Grade: B+

BY MICHAEL COMPTON
Herald reporter

"The Grinch" is a holiday treat, complete with festive visuals and a maniacal, one-of-a-kind performance by Jim Carrey. While director Ron Howard has created a world that will interest all ages, it's Carrey's performance that carries the film.

Based on the popular children's book by Dr. Seuss, the movie tells the tale of a hairy figure who lives high on the mountain top above Who-ville. Alone and very grumpy, the Grinch decides that if he can't enjoy Christmas, no one will.

While the book sticks to the

story of the Grinch stealing the Whos' Christmas goodies, the film expands into a more in-depth tale of why the Grinch hates the town of Who-ville so much. There is a clever background story of how the Grinch was made fun of as a child and banished to the outskirts of town.

The film does have its flaws. Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen), the young child who befriends the Grinch, becomes a focal point in the movie and even performs a blatant musical number that was obviously put in just to get an Oscar nomination.

Howard's direction is splendid, capturing the town and the essence of the book to perfection. There are little things in the film, such as the buildings of Who-ville and the layout of the Grinch's cavernous habitat, that contribute to the storybook feel

of the movie.

But it's Carrey who makes the film the treat that it is. Barely recognizable beneath all of the makeup and prosthetics, Carrey brings a much-needed energetic presence to the movie. His ability to improv helps in padding what is essentially a paper-thin plot. Some of the film's best moments involve Carrey's ability to take something as insignificant as a sack race and add just the right touch of over-the-topness to transform an otherwise slight chuckle into a laugh-out-loud moment.

Carrey is so memorable as the Grinch that some people might not realize how good a performance it really is. It may not be as good as his most recent work in "Man on the Moon" and "The Truman Show," but it comes awfully close. The end result is one of the best family films of the year.

DREAM: Women's football rules

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but he did let her play little league baseball after the commissioner asked her if she wanted to play on an all-boy team when she was 10 years old.

And the boys seemed to like having her as the catcher on their team.

"They'd be like, 'Oh, we got a girl behind the plate, go ahead and run, I dare you,'" Franklin said.

When opposing players accepted the dare, Franklin would throw them out from her knees.

Franklin continued to play sports in high school, but she never got to play football until she joined a flag team at Western.

She played for the four years she worked on her undergraduate degree in teacher's education, and the last three years she's worked on her master's in student affairs.

She and Beaty have been on the top-10 Western flag football team, the Secret Service (formerly the Express), for three years.

When they heard Nashville was getting its own women's football team, they both jumped at the chance to try out.

The Dream coaches cut 300 players at tryouts. Franklin and Beaty were among the 50 who made the team.

"After we got there and saw who we were competing against, I knew we had a chance to make it," Beaty said.

Dream coach Tim Dickerson, who owns the sporting goods store that supplies equipment for the team, saw positives in the two. With Franklin, he got a team player who can play center and serve as the long snapper on punts.

With Beaty, he got a second-team flag football All-America quarterback who had to step into the Dream's starting role.

"She's soft-spoken, but she stood up and she's running it like a champ," he said. "We couldn't be more proud of her."

Dickerson also has linebacker Sheronda Jenkins, who admits she's not quite as soft-spoken as Beaty.

"I've got the biggest mouth on the team," she said.

Jenkins found out she had more in common with Beaty and Franklin than she thought when they overheard her talking about her college basketball days in the mid-'80s with a player named Lillie Mason.

Franklin knew the name well. Mason's number is retired at Western Kentucky University.

"I asked (Jenkins) if she played against her, and she said, 'No, dawg, me and her was teammates!'" Franklin said.

But they don't get to hang out much off the field. Jenkins is usually busy working for two Nashville doctors.

"I'm like 'The Toy' with Richard Pryor," she said. "I work seven days a week, but they let me off on Saturday to play ball."

It might be a good thing that Jenkins works for doctors. After making a hit on Saturday, her shoulder popped out. Volunteer doctors popped it back in at halftime, but it was just a temporary solution.

It popped out again in the second half.

Doctors brought a stretcher to the sidelines, but she would have none of it.

"I don't want that," she said through gritted teeth, propped up by doctors on both sides. "I don't need that."

She walked to the locker room.

"That's one tough girl," Stanton said to no one in particular.

While Jenkins was in the locker room, Beaty was leading the team to a come-from-

behind victory.

Those six points the Renegades got on Beaty's interception were the only ones they would get. After that, the defense took over.

Beaty threw for 51 yards, all in the first half, and ran for 31 more. The numbers aren't eye-popping, but they were enough.

Final score: Nashville 26, Alabama 6.

Even King was impressed with the girl who replaced her in the lineup, especially her ability to scramble.

"She was great," King said. "She checked the ball right, she moved the ball great. She saw an opening and took off. She was awesome."

Both Beaty and Franklin will graduate in May, and both said they will go where the jobs are.

They're hoping to live around cities with pro teams, but they realize there's a chance they won't get to play football next year.

"I'm gonna be sad," Franklin said. "I'd rather compete than eat when I'm hungry."

Franklin also knows there's a possibility that they could both play, but for different teams.

"It would be really hard for me to play against her," she said. "We've always been teammates."

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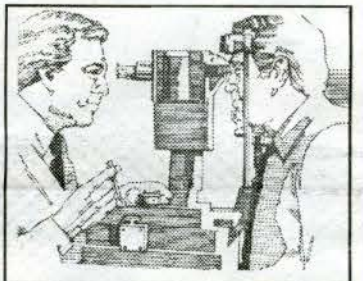
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Sports

Tops begin basketball season with win over Evansville

McPherson hits game-winner

BY TRAVIS WILLIAMS
Herald reporter

After two quick turnovers late Saturday's season opener, Western's basketball coach Dennis Felton was forced to pull guard John McPherson from the game. The lone senior trotted to the bench with his head down and took a seat. He waited patiently on the bench for a second chance, a chance to do something to help his team win. "I didn't know what I was

gonna do," McPherson said. "I didn't know if I was gonna make a pass, a shot or something."

McPherson did get to do something. Felton put him back in the game with more than three minutes left in the second half.

With the shot clock winding down and the game knotted at 59, junior guard Tremain Rowles launched a three-pointer from the rightside corner. The usually sharp-shooting Rowles had only shot 2-8 the whole night. The ball sailed through the air and the Evansville crowd gasped in unison.

But it was just another miss. And as was the story the entire night, Western got the rebound, right in the hands of McPherson.

"When Tremain shot it, I looked at it and I was trying to measure it up and see which direction it would go off," McPherson said. "When I saw it, I just jumped and got it and put it in. I was just lucky the ball came to me."

McPherson's shot put the Hilltoppers ahead with five seconds left on the clock, not enough time for the Purple Aces (0-1) to get a chance at a good shot. The game was over. Western had won and McPherson had redeemed himself.

The Hilltoppers (1-0) had beaten Evansville for the first time in Felton's career on the Hill.

Western had to hold off the Aces in the first half without junior center Chris Marcus.

Marcus picked up two fouls after five minutes of play and was forced to sit the rest of the half. Scoring eight points and four boards, Marcus had outscored the Aces by himself in those five minutes.

Without the 7-1 center the majority of the first half, the Hilltoppers still out-rebounded the Aces 28-16. While Western was usually able to make numerous shot attempts on each trip, the Aces rarely saw more than one. The Aces' leading scorer and Preseason Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Craig Snow was limited to flurries in the first half on 2-6 shooting, mainly due to the aggressive defense of sophomore team captain David Boyden.

"He was the guy I had clearly the most confidence on the team in guarding Snow," Felton said. "And I talked to him this afternoon about being very disciplined, to avoid picking up bad fouls because I need him to play. As long as Snow was on the floor, I needed him to play and he accomplished all of the above."

Not only did Boyden stop Evansville's Snow, holding him to 10 points on 3-9 shooting, he melted the nets for 13 points and grabbed eight boards.

Boyden was just a piece of the Hilltoppers' suffocating defense. Western fought through seemingly hundreds of picks to defend a team full of three-point threats.

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Below: Western wide receiver Alan Ogletree catches a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jason Johnson on the Hilltoppers' first possession of the second half against Southern Illinois on Saturday. The score gave Western a 19-0 lead, eventually ending in a 22-0 victory. Below: Western defensive back Bobby Sippio returns a Southern Illinois interception 15 yards for a touchdown with 14:54 left in the second quarter of the game.

photos by Stephen Coddington/Herald

Hilltoppers avenge Southern Illinois, win 22-0

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

When Melvin Wisham ran to midfield and met his parents with hugs. Then the coach took a quick picture and Wisham and his parents met the other three team captains. They trotted hand-in-hand onto the field for the coin toss, just as they have done all season.

With fireworks booming, the band led its game on and the rest of the Hilltoppers charged onto the field. They haven't lost a game all year. The 11 Western seniors honored in a ceremony before Saturday's game, it was the end of their regular-season careers with a bang and into the playoffs with a well-earned mission: win four games and bring a national championship to the Hill.

Western (10-1) wrapped up a near-perfect regular season with a 22-0 win over Southern Illinois that avenged a 52-14 loss to the Salukis a year ago. It halted SIU's bid to knock off ranked

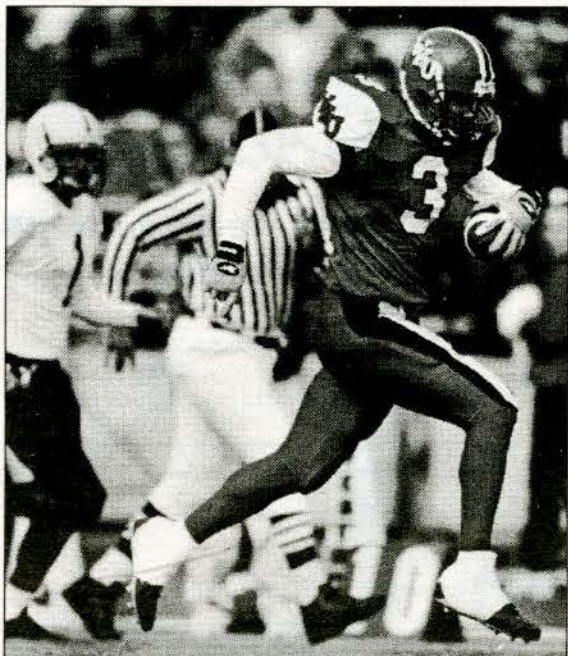
opponents on the road in consecutive weeks. It had beaten then second-ranked Youngstown State 22-21 on Nov. 11.

"I think of how long I've been here and the good times with all the guys I've played with here, it's real special to be a part of this program," said Wisham, who wrapped up his regular-season career with 11 tackles, a sack and his first career interception. "I just wanted to come out here and leave it all on the field."

He wasn't the only one. Several seniors posted strong individual efforts in the finale, including Alan Ogletree, who at wide receiver broke over the middle in the third quarter and outran the defense with a 54-yard touchdown catch. He also averaged 42.5 yards on four punts, the longest going 65 yards.

Senior defensive tackle Paul Marshall recovered an SIU fumble and scrambled seven yards to the Saluki 4-yard line, setting up a 28-yard field goal.

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Volleyball loses in first round

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Herald reporter

NEW ORLEANS — Beaven Hill stretched her arm out like the kid in class who knew the right answer.

She wanted to come through. She really did.

Her arms just weren't long enough.

The same arms that had come through 1,303 times before were just a little too short to deliver dig No. 1,304 for the Western senior defensive specialist.

That kill, by New Orleans outside hitter Dee James, sent a deafening wave of cheer throughout the host crowd.

The Privateers had just beaten a champion.

Western Coach Travis Hudson, his knees wobbling as he rose from his courtside perch, wanted to keep his emotions secret — but his eyes whispered the truth.

New Orleans stunned the No. 2

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Lady Tops return from Hawaii 1-2

BY LYNDSAY SUTTON
Herald reporter

Freshman guard Camryn Whitaker's missed three-pointer as time expired in Sunday night's 73-70 loss to Hawaii was women's basketball coach Steve Small's fault.

He even said so after the Lady Toppers' final game in the Hawaiian Regent Classic.

"The reason we didn't get the shot off in the end was just bad coaching," Small said in a postgame radio show. "It really wasn't the girls' fault. We haven't worked on a last-second shot, a three-pointer. We hadn't sort of designed that in the huddle so you can't really blame our girls for not getting a shot off."

Western (1-2) trailed by 12 points with six minutes left in the second half and scored 16 of the

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No. 5 seed Western plays Florida A&M Saturday at Feix Field

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

They congregated in a horse-shoe-shaped sanctuary, but their eyes weren't fixed on an energetic preacher.

It was the fourth floor of the Downing University Center Sunday morning where players, coaches, fans and family convened for the big announcement.

Western's 10-1 football team locked in a No. 5 seed in the Division I-AA playoffs. It will face 12th-seeded Florida A&M on 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith Stadium.

The crowd listened and watched on the edge of their seats as the bracket was released on a half-hour show broadcast on Fox Sports Net. Some cheered, some shook their heads and some did nothing as Western was announced as the fifth seed.

While some players were satisfied with the bracket, others frowned on it.

"I'm excited about playing Florida A&M, but I really wasn't too excited about us getting the fifth seed as opposed to the fourth," senior linebacker Hayes Thomas said. "Troy State lost to the same team we lost to by more points and they also lost another game."

Troy State (9-2) secured the fourth seed. It lost to South Florida by 10 points and lost to Northwestern State, which did not make the 16-team playoff field. Western's only loss was a six-point setback to South Florida.

The Hilltoppers have already begun preparing for A&M, which won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Rattlers head for colder

climbs in Bowling Green with a potent passing attack. They're averaging 288 yards passing per game. Quarterback Quinn Gray led the MEAC in passing efficiency and threw 23 touchdown passes this season.

A&M's passing attack could create an interesting match-up with the Western secondary. Western has given up big yardage on occasion this season against passing teams. Murray State racked up 425 passing yards against the Toppers and South Florida tallied 360 yards through the air.

On the other hand, the more a team throws against Western the more likely it is to have its passes intercepted. The Toppers have picked off 25 passes this season, led by sophomore cornerback Bobby Sippio, who has tied a school record with nine interceptions on the year.

Western head coach Jack Harbaugh reflected on his team's chemistry after the announcement.

"Our kids like each other," he said. "They associate with different players all the time. They walk out of the locker room with different players and socialize with different players."

"We've got fantastic senior leadership. These players have handled much of the problems that go on throughout the year on their own. They get with the younger players and tell them how it's going to be."

Western must continue to improve to make a run at the national championship, Harbaugh said, noting also the philosophy that if you aren't improving, you're getting worse.

Playing at home will be an

2000 I-AA Football Championship



Western will host Florida A&M in the first round. The higher-seeded team will have home field advantage until the championship game.

Swim teams win against Ball State

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Early last week, head swim coach Bill Powell sat in his office and took a look at the lineups for the meet against Ball State. He figured the women's team would have to have seven first-place swims to win. The meet would boil down to one point. He didn't really know if they had what it would take.

The women (9-0) proved they had it what it takes, and by more than one point. Despite finishing third in the first event, the 400-meter medley, the women began building momentum, winning the next five events.

"We won the close races," Powell said. "That, to me, shows heart."

The team had double wins from juniors Brandi Carey and

Megan Zerhusen. Freshman Marci Kascir and senior Michelle Lynch won the diving events.

Junior Sydney Mountford returned to the pool this weekend after sitting out with a punctured eardrum. Mountford finished first in the 500 and 1000-meter freestyles.

"I did what I needed to do for the team," Mountford said.

The men's swim team (9-0) also won this weekend, winning nine of 13 events. Powell said the momentum began when the team won the 400 medley relay. The men's team had double wins from freshman Dean Cheek and junior David Tucker. Senior Brent Poland won the 200-meter backstroke by .03 seconds.

"At the end of the meet, we just pulled away," Powell said.

The next meet for the teams is the Notre Dame Invitational Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

Veldman redshirts

Junior Gord Veldman will redshirt the remainder of the season. He has been fighting pneumonia for the past few weeks and has not been able to swim.

Veldman has been one of Western's top swimmers for the past two years and tried out for the Olympics as a Canadian swimmer last year.

"It hurts our team a lot," Powell said. "We have to look at how much its going to help in two years. Maybe this is a blessing in disguise."

Veldman said he is back in the pool practicing with the team but doesn't feel like he will be ready to swim competitively this season.

"I don't feel very good in the water right now," Veldman said.

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LOSES: Lady Tops fall in quarterfinals of tourney

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seed and co-regular season champion Lady Toppers 3-0 in the Sun Belt Tournament quarterfinals at Lakefront Arena Friday night.

Afterward, during the postgame press conference, a typically outspoken Hudson was unusually reluctant.

As he struggled to make sense of the night, his bottom lip was handcuffed by his upper one. He held hands with a heavyhearted Hill.

"Tonight, New Orleans just was better than us," Hudson said. "I refuse to let what happened tonight overshadow the great season that we had. I thought we played well and were ready to play, but it just was not in the cards for us to win tonight for whatever reason."

Hill, her face as red as the streaks in her jersey, masked Friday's disappointment with memories of four years of Western volleyball.

"I am sad that this is the last time I will play volleyball for Western, but at the same time we did accomplish a lot this year and like (Hudson) said, you can't take that away from me," Hill said quivering. "I will leave here with a conference championship and even if we did go out on a losing note, our team will always be a winning team to me."

"We did everything that any team has accomplished at Western Kentucky and nobody can take that away from me."

From the opening serve, it was clear that New Orleans (20-13, 9-7 Sun Belt Conference) was on top of their game. After taking an early lead, Western (25-8, 13-3 Sun Belt) found themselves down 12-10.

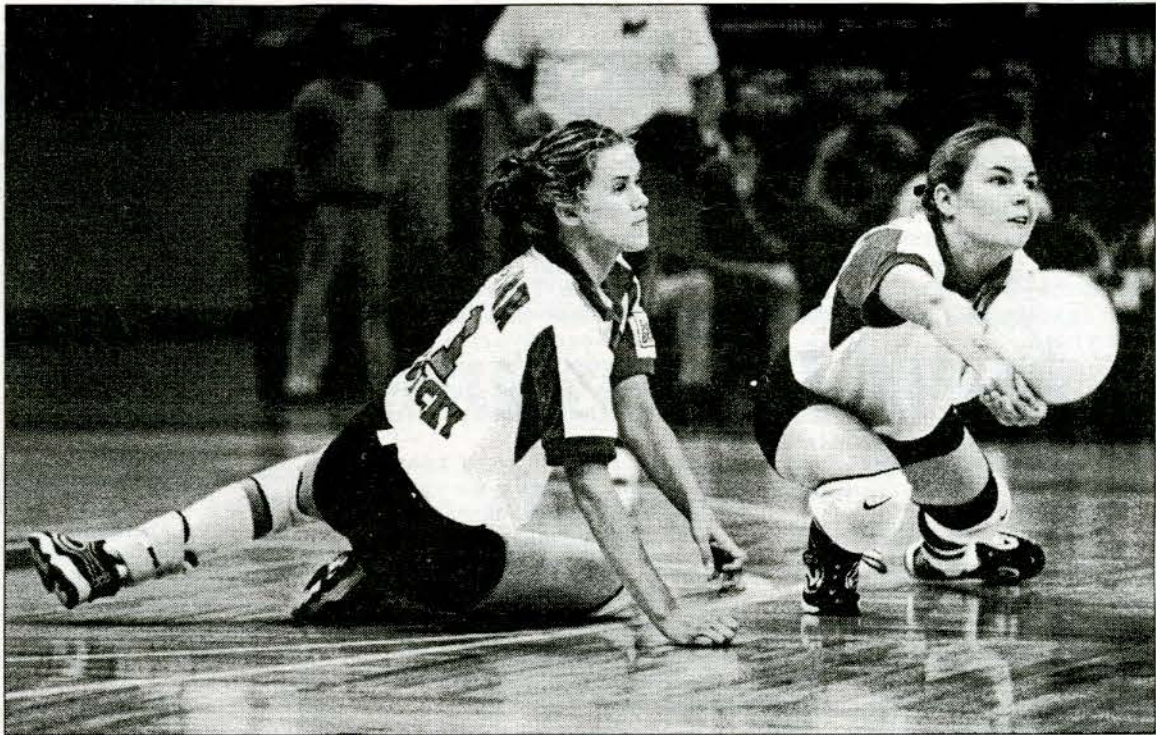
The Lady Toppers closed to 12-13 with solid offensive play, but the Privateers took the game 15-12.

The second game was more of the same for the Lady Toppers, watching an impressive New Orleans offense seemingly pinpoint every hole in the Western defense. The Privateers won the game 15-9.

Western struggled on offense, hitting an uncharacteristic .103 for the game and .185 for the match. New Orleans thrived, however, hitting .299 in the match, led by senior outside hitters Jessica Perdue (22 kills) and James (15 kills).

New Orleans Coach Julie Ibieta said that this game was a far cry from Western's 3-0 win in New Orleans back on Oct. 20. She said that at that time her team was battling injury, most notably the ACL tear of senior defensive specialist Stacie Maratea and Jessica Perdue, who was playing her first game back from a preseason injury.

"The only thing that keeps coming into my mind and that I was thinking was 'we are on, they were just better than us today,'" Hudson said. "That's not to take a thing away from our kids because our kids came



Junior left-side hitter Tara Thomas, right, and freshman defensive specialist Tracy May get down low to pass the ball during their Sun Belt Tournament quarterfinal game against the University of New Orleans Friday at Lake Front Arena. The Lady Toppers lost 3-0.

ready to play, they played hard, and they are Sun Belt champions — that can't be taken away from them."

Western challenged at the

"I refuse to let what happened tonight overshadow the great season that we had. I thought we played well and were ready to play, but it just was not in the cards for us to win tonight for whatever reason."

— Travis Hudson
Western volleyball coach

start of game three and appeared to be recovering from its early angst.

The Lady Toppers took a 3-0 lead, but watched the Privateers take control midway through the game. After losing the lead 7-6, Western never got closer than 9-8 and lost the final game 15-10.

Hudson will return a huge core of this year's team, but said that the program's 21st season is the furthest thing from his mind.

Hudson said he is still having trouble saying goodbye to the pro-

gram's historic 20th season, a season that saw the Lady Toppers reach 20 wins faster than any other team in school history.

Though he loses Hill, senior left-side hitter Melissa Starck and Andria Humpert, Hudson returns a core of veteran contributors.

"It will take a lot to match what this team is all about," Hudson said.

"I got three kids (Hill, Starck and Humpert) right here that came in and helped me get through a 9-22 year and to see them finish 25-8 with a regular-season championship is going to be hard to top."

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Bourbon and basketball would make for great tailgating

Kentucky's two finest traditions are beginning as the temperature drops and the daylight gives in to darkness.

The two traditions were first crafted by the finest of Kentucky's men well before any reading this column were even born.

Kentucky's two finest traditions, basketball and bourbon, make the cold winds bearable and give everyone, regardless of the color of their neck, something to do when their university is playing.

And I believe the combination of the two will rescue the staggeringly low attendance numbers in Diddle Arena this year.

I was at BW3s a week ago, watching Kentucky self-destruct on national television against St. John's. When there's a game on, "B-dubs" is the place to watch.

Plenty of basketball. Plenty of bourbon.

The atmosphere there

rivalled some of the best I've seen in Diddle in my four years on the Hill.

For the sake of distracting myself from the horrible basketball both teams were playing on the tube, I asked Mike Windhorn, my Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity president who was eating dinner with me, this: "Mike, why don't we have this atmosphere at Western games?"

And he said: "I don't know Darr. Maybe because we can't eat wings and drink there."

Well we ate wings and drank before football games this year, didn't we? And the atmosphere there was great — goalposts coming down, the Homecoming crowd, beer cans everywhere.

Well I thought about this. I thought about this a lot.

To increase attendance, Western needs to encourage tailgating for basketball games.

Like all of my other column ideas, I run them by my fraternity brothers before I even talk



PLAYGROUND NOTES

John Darr

to my editor. If the bros don't like the idea, no one will. They're a pretty diverse group.

So I asked my Sig Ep brother Marc Anthony Paige about tailgating before roundball games.

"It's too damn cold," he said. True.

So that's why we bring bourbon. It warms the soul.

Athletics Director Wood Selig said that I wasn't the first to ask about tailgating before basketball games. There have been a lot of efforts by alumni,

but nothing has really materialized. I asked about Western sponsoring this bourbon and basketball event (putting up tents and/or lights) and he said there are too many other "financial needs" that need to be taken care of first.

Selig said it needs to get steam on its own.

So I called Leslie Bedo, vice president of the Student Government Association, to see if they were going to get the bourbon ball rolling, maybe give spirit award points to groups that tailgate. She said that it's not something SGA can endorse.

"It would be a tough sell," she said.

It appears as if the students themselves must rise up and do this themselves, for themselves

and for Western.

Selig gave me some good dates to tailgate, the best being Jan. 6, 2001, before Western plays Louisiana-Lafayette on ESPN (my former employer). The game is at 3 p.m., so it won't be as cold as tailgating before a 7 p.m. tip time.

Tailgating before basketball games makes more sense than doing it before football games anyway.

Get some food, get some drink, get cold, go inside.

It's the Kentucky way. WRITER'S NOTE: I do not endorse the consumption of alcohol by minors. However, bourbon flows like water in Kentucky, and there's no legal drinking age for water.

TOPS: Marcus fouls out of 61-59 win

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holding their opponents to 33 percent shooting from behind the arc. Boyden's defense on Snow helped the Toppers go into halftime with a 38-29 lead.

"He (Felton) put a premium on hands up, being there on the catch and don't get dribbled, the regular rules for a game," McPherson said. "Play hard, that was the main thing and hopefully good things would happen for us. And good things happened for us."

The second half opened up the same as the first. Marcus quickly made his presence known with six quick points before finding himself back into foul trouble. With two and half

minutes remaining, Evansville cut the lead to two with a three-pointer. The crowd came back to life and Felton was forced to call a timeout. Marcus was fouled on the ensuing play and made one of two free throws to increase the lead to three.

On Evansville's next play, Adam Seitz, who led all scorers with 19, beat McPherson to the baseline for a reverse layup and drew Marcus' fifth and final foul. Seitz hit the free throw to tie the game at 59 with 1:35 left.

Western's lead had disappeared and its leading scorer had fouled out. Last year, a younger, less-experienced Western team might have folded.

But this wasn't last year.

After missing out on an

opportunity to take the lead, Western found itself back on defense. The Aces were looking for Snow, their go-to guy. And on a backdoor cut it looked as though they had him. But, Boyden was right there with him, stride for stride, and the pass floated out of bounds setting up McPherson's game-winning shot.

In a close game Western had shown three things. It can be a dominating rebounding team. It can win with its main scorer Chris Marcus on the bench. And it's mature enough to hold on in close games.

"As long as the outcome is the same," Boyden said, "we'll take as many games like this as we can."

AVENGE: Toppers win on Senior Day

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in the first quarter.

But the biggest individual performance on this cold afternoon belonged to sophomore cornerback Bobby Sippio. He intercepted two passes, ran one back 15 yards for a touchdown and returned the other 24 yards. He blocked a punt resulting in a safety and blocked a field goal that could have put SIU on the board just before halftime.

Junior strong safety Kyle Moffatt blocked a first-quarter punt for the Toppers and junior free safety Mel Mitchell had an interception as time expired. Junior quarterback

Jason Johnson threw for 151 yards on 4 of 9 passing.

Of all the big plays, five forced turnovers by the Western defense and two blocked kicks on special teams were the biggest. It was a big play afternoon leading up to the big announcement Sunday morning: Western received a No. 5 seed in the Division I-AA playoffs that begin on Saturday.

"Playing in front of our home fans and beating this team, it's a big win," Ogletree said. "I couldn't ask for a better Senior Day. Our offensive line did a great job. We just ask them to please give us time. If they give us time we'll

be open all day. Jason's got a tremendous arm and he's got a great touch on the ball. All you have to do is run under it."

So it's on to the playoffs for Western, and head coach Jack Harbaugh couldn't be happier with the group of seniors that will lead them into battle this weekend.

"Every successful program looks to senior leadership," he said. "That's more so than great players and more so than great coaches. This group, it's not a big group, but they were a very strong group and they were very vocal."

"They made our job this year very easy. This is a very low-maintenance ball club."

RETURN: Powers scores career-high 29

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next 21 points to cut the lead to one on sophomore guard Kristina Covington's fourth three-pointer of the game, which came with two minutes remaining in the game.

The Lady Topper defense forced three consecutive Rainbow Wahine (3-0) turnovers but got only two points off those, thanks to a pair of free throws from senior forward and All-America candidate ShaRae Mansfield.

Kylie Galloway hit two free

throws for Hawaii with 19.9 seconds left, extending the lead to 73-70.

But, without a designated play or shooter for the last-second shot, the Rainbow Wahine held on to the win.

During the trip, Covington, Mansfield and junior guard Natalie Powers emerged as the three most reliable and consistent scorers on this Lady Topper team. All three scored in double figures in all three games.

Powers tabbed a career-high 29 points in Western's 88-81 loss to Pepperdine in Friday's game.

The Lady Toppers' only win of the trip was a 71-55 Saturday victory over Northern Arizona, despite tabbing eight assists to 22 turnovers. Mansfield was the team and game-leading scorer with 23 points.

"... We're young, but we've all played basketball and we know the game of basketball," Covington said in a postgame radio interview. "It's just that we're gonna have to learn how to play together and when to shoot and when to pull it out, and when we get that down, I think we're gonna be a good team."

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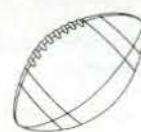
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